



City of Belmont Council Priorities

FY 2012-2013



Vision Statement

DISTINCTIVE COMMUNITY CHARACTER

- Belmont prides itself on being unique
- Its small-town ambience sets it apart as a tranquil, safe, and desirable place to live.
- We get involved in town matters because we care about living here.
- We connect with each other in all kinds of gathering places.
- Our strong sense of community and enjoyment of the town's assets and activities deepen as we become better informed and connected.

EASY MOBILITY

- We put a priority on getting out of, into, and through town efficiently.
- Bicyclists, walkers, and other nondrivers get where they're going easily and safely.
- We require safe residential streets and smooth-flowing thoroughfares.

NATURAL BEAUTY

- We choose to make our home among these beautiful hills, trees, parks, views, and open spaces.
- Our natural surroundings inspire us to play, create, and contemplate.
- Our actions today preserve and enhance Belmont's beauty to make it even lovelier for our grandchildren.
- Our wooded residential areas are diverse, peaceful and well maintained.

THRIVING CULTURE

- Belmont is a wonderfully safe and supportive place to raise a family.
- We facilitate lifelong learning in our academic, artistic, athletic, and social dimensions
- Our schools and library are the pride of the community.
- Our university is intrinsic to Belmont's social, artistic and economic life.
- Our playgrounds and athletic fields are of high quality and in high gear.
- The arts thrive in this creative, appreciative town – the arts hub of the Peninsula.
- Our history makes Belmont what it is, and we preserve that heritage for our children.

THRIVING ECONOMY

- A charming, vibrant town center is the heart of our civic and economic life.
- Our economy prospers with a mix of attractive, successful businesses that fit with our community character.
- We look first into our town shops and restaurants for what we need.
- Education, arts and the economy flourish in concert.

DISTINCTIVE COMMUNITY CHARACTER

(FROM THE BELMONT VISION STATEMENT)

2012-2013 ACTIVE PROJECTS:

- ❑ CITY-WIDE STREET LIGHTING
Develop city-wide street lighting standards (Poles and Fixtures) which are appropriate for the type of use. (PW)
- ❑ SOLAR ENERGY POLICY
Consider implementation of solar energy projects and legislation that enhances solar energy use on public facilities (P&R)
- ❑ SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES
Study and propose Sustainability Goals/Policies/Objectives for the Conservation Element Update of the General Plan. Prepare specific Municipal/Zoning Ordinances as necessary to implement Sustainability Objectives. (CD)
- ❑ CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION / RECYCLING
Study & propose regulations regarding establishing a Construction Debris/Recycling Ordinance (CD)
- ❑ DEVELOP CITY'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN
Prepare the City's 2012 Climate Action Plan (CAP) utilizing County of San Mateo Templates/Resources. Incorporate CAP measures/findings into specific 2035 General Plan Updated Elements. (CD)

BELOW THE LINE (NOT ACTIVE FOR 2012-2013)

1. REFINEMENT OF SAN JUAN HILLS AND WESTERN HILLS AREA FLOOR TRANSFER POLICIES -
Study and propose revisions to the zoning regulations regarding floor area transfer policies within these areas of the City (CD)
2. UTILITY STRUCTURES IN PUBLIC/PRIVATE RIGHT-OF-WAY
Establish a Policy on Architectural Design/Enhancements for Utility Structures (CD)
3. ZONING ORDINANCE PROJECTS:
 - ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS
Incorporation/Confirmation/Modification of 10% of business site area landscape requirement (CD)

DISTINCTIVE COMMUNITY CHARACTER (CONT'D)

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BELOW THE LINE (NOT ACTIVE FOR 2012-2013) - CONT'D

ZONING ORDINANCE PROJECTS (CONT'D):

- GARAGE PARKING STANDARDS/REQS & SECOND UNIT PARKING
Study and propose revisions to the zoning regulations regarding garage and secondary unit parking (CD)
- REVISIONS OF ZONING ORDINANCE DEFINITIONS
Update and expand Definitions Section of Ordinance; Redefine building Height Options; Revise Slope Calculations for Residential Property Development; and Establish Lot Coverage/Hardscape Limit/Permeable Driveway Surface Regulations (CD)

EASY MOBILITY

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2012-2013 ACTIVE PROJECTS:

- ❑ **CALTRAIN MODERNIZATION**
Represent City of Belmont throughout all phases of review, planning, and evaluation of CalTrain Modernization/Electrification and High Speed Rail Projects. (CD)
- ❑ **OLD COUNTY ROAD STREET LIGHTING**
Develop program for review and replacement of street lighting standards. (PW)
- ❑ **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**
On-going operational effort to monitor and implement pedestrian, bicycles, and vehicle safety on city's network of roads, including those associated with school sites, as situations warrant. Additionally, track and seek grant funding for appropriate physical infrastructure improvements. (PW)
- ❑ **RALSTON CORRIDOR STUDY AND IMPROVEMENTS**
Conduct a comprehensive corridor study to determine the general levels of traffic, and to determine the adequacy of major intersections and traffic signals, for both existing and future conditions. The study also reviews traffic safety issues and the adequacy of transit and non-motorized transportation modes in the corridor traffic study to optimize its use for pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle use (Share the Roads Policy), and determine appropriate capital improvements to mitigate any traffic-related problems. (PW & CD)

BELOW THE LINE (NOT ACTIVE FOR 2012-2013)

1. **PAPER TRAILS**
Identify paper streets and trails and determine which ones could be developed and incorporated into a public trail system (P&R)

NATURAL BEAUTY

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2012-2013 ACTIVE PROJECTS:

- ❑ RE-SUBDIVISION/MASTER PLAN/SALE OF CITY-OWNED SAN JUAN HILLS PROPERTY
Develop a Master Subdivision Plan of City-owned San Juan Hills Area lands to facilitate the sale of a low-density single family residential unit development, trail connections, and permanent open space areas. Project will consider a potential phasing plan for both Bishop Road and Marsten Avenue frontage properties. (CD)

BELOW THE LINE (NOT ACTIVE FOR 2012-2013)

1. NON-PROFIT BELMONT PARKS FOUNDATION
Establish the creation of a non-profit Belmont Parks Foundation to fundraise and advocate for Parks improvements (P&R)
2. RALSTON & Alameda de las Pulgas "SCENIC CORRIDORS"
Assess opportunity to improve Ralston Ave. & Alameda de las Pulgas with landscape/aesthetic improvements (CD)
3. PARK OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN UPDATE
Would include updating the inventory of the parks system, analysis of current demands/trends, identifying completed projects and updating of the action plan (P&R)
4. SAN JUAN CANYON OPEN SPACE PLANNING
This project calls for planning the future public use of the San Juan Canyon open space (P&R)
5. WATERDOG LAKE DISPOSITION
Work with NDNU on potential dedication to the City of lands around Waterdog Lake as public open space. (P&R)

THRIVING CULTURE

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2012-2013 ACTIVE PROJECTS:

- ❑ **ATHLETIC FIELD IMPROVEMENTS**
Sports Complex Synthetic Turf – Capital projects described in Athletic Field Master Plan updated in 2003. Plan identifies athletic field improvements to all fields managed by the P&R Dept (P&R)
- ❑ **CIPRIANI DOG PARK IMPROVEMENTS**
Design and construct improvements for the Cipriani Dog Park. (P&R)
- ❑ **DAVEY GLEN PARK DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT**
Design & development of unimproved park site on Davey Glen Road. (P&R)
- ❑ **ORDINANCE REGULATING LARGE FAMILY DAYCARE REGULATIONS**
Study and propose zoning regulations establishing Large Family Daycare standards for Residential Zoning Districts. (CD)
- ❑ **CREEK RESTORATION**
Three-part program for all City creeks composed of 1) Education and Outreach, 2) Maintenance, and 3) physical creek improvements. (PW)
- ❑ **OUTDOOR WATER USE EFFICIENCY**
Study and propose regulations regarding Outdoor Water Conservation & On-Site Retention (CD)
- ❑ **PROHIBITION OF DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC AND SINGLE-USE BAGS**
Adopt regulations establishing a Plastic & Single-Use Paper Bag Ban Ordinance (CA)
- ❑ **ORDINANCE BANNING POLYSTYRENE FOOD WARE**
Adopt regulations prohibiting food vendors from using foam and solid polystyrene food ware (CA)
- ❑ **STRATEGY FOR FUTURE OF BARRETT COMMUNITY CENTER PROPERTY**
This project calls for developing a future strategy for evaluating the long-term future of the Barrett Community Center property. (P&R)

THRIVING CULTURE (CONT'D)

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BELOW THE LINE (NOT ACTIVE FOR 2012-2013)

1. HISTORIC PRESERVATION
Revise structures of Historic or Aesthetic Value section of the General Plan and update historic resources inventory (CD)
2. SOLAR ACCESS ORDINANCE
Propose revisions to the zoning regulations regarding solar access (CD)

THRIVING ECONOMY

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2012-2013 ACTIVE PROJECTS:

- ❑ **FACILITIES CONDITION MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT**
Track assets and analyze Belmont's facilities in a comprehensive, organized, and logical manner. Factors can then be used to prioritize the use of resources (P&R)
- ❑ **2035 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**
An extensive multi-year project that will update all Belmont General Plan Elements. The first project phase includes a new Introduction Section, updates to the Land Use/Community Design & Circulation/Mobility Elements, and the project Environmental Study. (CD)
- ❑ **GENERAL PLAN UPDATE: BELMONT "VILLAGES" ZONING**
Project includes preparation of new development/use standards and rezoning of properties within the Economic Development strategy target sites, Downtown area, and Ralston Avenue/El Camino Real corridor. (CD)
- ❑ **SEWER LATERALS**
Develop & adopt policy/ordinance for maintenance and/or replacement of private sewer laterals (PW)
- ❑ **TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**
Identify new funding opportunities to implement targeted economic development projects within the City's priority development areas (Economic Development 2.0). (FN)
- ❑ **HOUSING PROGRAM ASSESSMENT AND DEPLOYMENT**
Establish housing program priorities and determine interim and long term uses for Low and Moderate Income Housing real property assets. (FN)
- ❑ **UPDATE CITY'S WEB PRESENCE / PUBLIC INFORMATION**
Improve civic engagement opportunities, e-commerce and 24/7 virtual City Hall through a more robust and contemporary City website and the use of emerging social media opportunities (CM).

THRIVING ECONOMY (CONT'D)

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BELOW THE LINE (NOT ACTIVE FOR 2012-2013)

1. HARBOR INDUSTRIAL AREA ANNEXATION
Work with Council and HIA to develop annexation proposal & submit LAFCO annexation application (CD)
2. MODIFICATION OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY FINDINGS
Study and propose revisions to the zoning regulations regarding wireless communications facilities (CD)